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In that new situation-Time to build up on A solid foundation Civing up needlessly changing and drifting ;

What time is it?

Time to be thrifty : Farmers, take warning-Plow in the springtime— Sow in the morning— Spring rain is coming, sophyra are blowing; Heaven will attend to the quickening and gre Time to count cost-

Lessen expenses-Time to look well To the gates and fences; Making and mending, as good workers should hutting out evil and keeping the good.

What time is it? Time to be carnest Laying up teasure; Chocaing true pleasure; Loving s'ern justice—of truth being fond; Making your word just as good as your bond. Doing your best-Time to be trustful,

Leaving the rest. Enowing, in whatever country or clime, Ne'er can we call back one minute of time

TAKING BOARDERS. "It was a scandal, the neighbors said, "that Miss Delia should be obliged to take boarders, after all she'd been through; and heaven knows boarders did not help a body to work out her salvation. And so much money in the family, too, taking it by small and large. Wasn't her Uncle Eben, over at Dover, well-to-do, and not a chick of his own to care for, except the boy he had adopted, who was no credit to him? It was odd, now, that a man with poor relations should take a stranger when his own flesh and blood was needy; but sometimes it does seem as if folks had more feeling for others than for their own kith and kin. Then there were cousins in the city, forehanded and fashionable, who were never worth a row of pins to Delia, and there was her Dorr. One by one her boarders dropped great-uncle John's widow a-larkin on the Continent, s-gaming at Baden-Baden, and trying the waters of every mineral spring in the three kingdoms, for no lisease under the sun but old age. She had been known to say that her folks

were too rich already, and probably she would endow some hospital with her property." Plainly, wealthy relatives Choice Wines, Liquors, and Cigars were of no value to Miss Delia. To be sere, she had never seen her great-aunt since she was a child, when her Guele John had brought her into their simple life for a month's visit, with her French maid and dresses, her jewels and fallals, which won the heart of her nameyears, she had neither heard nor seen queertain if such a person as Mrs. John Rogerson was in the laud of the living. Dead or alive, she seemed to have made no material difference to Delia's humather through a long sickness Delia Delia's deal." found that he had left a heavy mortgage on the homestead and her mother and terself on the high road to the poornouse, unless they should bestir themselves. As her mother was already bed. Mrs. Clement, in a shocked tone. ridden, the stirring naturally fell upon

Delia, and she advertised for summer chambers, broad piazzas, fine views, berries and uncle's wife." new milk. One mile from the station. Address

DELIA ROGHESON. "Cheap enough!" commented an elderly lady who happened upon it. "Delia Rogerson. An old maid, I suppose, obliged to look out for herself. I've a good mind to try her broad piazzas and new milk. If I don't like it tere'll be no harm done."

And so Delia's first boarder arrivedan old lady with false front hair, brown, wrinkled skin, faded eyes, a black alpaca gown, and a hair trunk. Delia made her as welcome as if she had been a Duchess; lighted a wood fire in Mrs. Clement's room, as the night was damp, and brought out her daintiest cup and wreathing them, "Wonderfully kind," reflected Mrs. Clement as she combed out her wisps of gray hair and confided the false front to a box, "Wonderful kindness for \$7 a week! She's new to the trade, She'll learn better. Human nature doesn't change with latitudes. She'll find it doesn't pay to consider the comfort of a poverty-stricken old creature." But in spite of her worldly wisdom, Mrs. Clement was forced to confess that Delia had begun as she meant to hold out, though other boarders came to demand her attention, to multiply her cares. The fret and jar of conflicting temperaments under her roof was a new experience of Delia, When Mrs. Gresome complained of the mosquitoes, with an air as if Miss Rogerson were reas if they were new acquaintances; of agreed to supply it along with berries and new milk; of the weather, as if she had pledged herself there would be no sudden changes to annoy her boarders; of the shabby house and antiquated turaiture, "too old for comfort and not old enough for fashion"—then Delia doubted if taking boarders was her mission. What makes you keep us, my dear?"

go wrong, "Why didn't you ever aarry? You had a lover, I dare say?" "Yes; a long, long time ago."

Mexication

"Tell me about him-it?" "There isn't much to tell. He asked nother, you know (they were both feeble) and he couldn't stay here. That's all."

"And you-you-" 'Now all men beside are to me like

"Yes. He wrote : but where was the use? It could never come to anything. It was better for him to forget me and

didn't answer bis letter." "And supposing he should return ome day, would you marry him?" "I dare say," laughed Delia, gently, s if the idea were familiar, "let the seighbors laugh ever so wisely. I've thought of it sometimes, sitting alone, when the world was barren and common place. One must have recreation of some kind, you know. Everybody re-

quires a little romance, a little poetry, to lavor every-day thinking and doing. I'm fraid you think me a silly old maid, Mrs. Clement." "No. The heart never grows old, The skin shrivels, the color departs, the eyes fade, the features grow pinched; but the soul is heir of eternal youth -it is as beautiful at four-score as at 'sweet 20.' Time makes amends for

er's name. Perhaps you would rather "His name was Stephen Langdon. Sometimes Capt. Seymour runs against bim in Melbourne, and brings me word how he looks and what he is doing; though I never ask, and Stephen never

asks for me, that I can hear." Delia's summer boarders were not a success, to be sure. If they took no money out of her pocket, they put none in. She was obliged to eke out her support by copying for Lawyer Dunmore and embroidering for Mrs. Judge away like sutumn leaves; all but old Mrs. Clement.

"I believe I'll stay on," she said. "I'm getting too old to move often, Perhaps you take winter boarders at reduced rates. Eh?"

"Do you think my terms high?" "By no means, But when one's purse

'Yes; I know. Do stay at y price. I can't spare you." She had grown such a fondness for the old lady that to refuse her at her own terms would have seemed like turning her own mother out of doors : beside sake. Since then Uncle John's widow one month more would not signify. But and become a sort of gildedereation, al. she found it hard to make both ends ways young and beautiful; for, though meet, and often went to bed hungry Delia had received little gifts from time | that her mother and Mrs. Clement might to time across the seas for the last fifteen enjoy enough, without there appearing to be "just a pattern." At Christmas, anything of the being who had inspired however, came a ray of sunshine for aer youthful imagination, and was quite Delia, in the shape of a \$100 bill from an unknown friend

"It can't be meant for me," she cried "It's directed to Delia Rogerson," said her mother; "and there's nobody rum life. After having nursed her alse of that name, now that your Aunt "We are not sure she's dead," ob-

jected Delia. "Horrors! Don't you know whether your own aunt is dead or alive?" asked

"It isn't our fault. She is rich and lives abroad. I was named for her. I used to look in the glass and try to be-Скортявопотон, Me.-Good board in the lieve I'd inherit her beauty with the country to the riverside, at \$7 a week. Large name, though she was only our great-

"She ought to do something for you." "How can she, if she is dead? I don't blame her, anyway. Her money is her own to use according to her pleasare. Uncle John made it himself and

gave it to her." "But if she should come back to you, having run through with it, you'd divide your last crust with her, I'll be

"I suppose I should," replied Delia. The winter wore away as winters will, and the miracles of spring began in fields and wayside; and Delia's boarders returned with the June roses, and dropped away again with the fading leaves, and still Mrs. Clement stayed on saucer, with the fadeless old roses and on. Just now she had been some weeks in arrears with her reduced board. No money had been forthcoming for some time, and she was growing more feeble daily, needed the luxuries of an invalid and the attention of a nurse.

> morrow. "I must hear from my man-of-business to-morrow, Delia; I'm knee-deep in debt to you," she began one night, "Don't mention it!" cried Delia,

> both of which Delia bestowed upon

her, without taking thought of the

I'd rather never see a cent than have you take it to heart. You are welcome to stay and share pot-luck with us; you are such company for mother and as fond of you as if you were my own

sponsible for their creation; of the flies, flesh and blood. There, turn down the light, please. It grows chilly, doesn't want of appetite, as though Delia had it? You might kiss me just once, if you wouldn't mind. It's a hundred years or so since any one kissed me." And next morning, when Delia carried up Mrs. Clement's breakfast, hor boarder lay cold and still upon her pil-

The first shock over, Delia wrote to the lawyer of whom she had heard Mrs. Clement speak as having charge of her sked Mrs. Clement, after a day when affairs, begging him to notify that lady's verything and everybody had seem controlled relatives, if she had any. In reply Mr.

Willis wrote : "The late Mrs. Clement appears to have no near relatives. Some distant dousins, who have an abundance of this world's goods, yet served her shabbily when she tested ne tomarry him. He was going to Aus | their generosity as she tried yours, are tralia. I couldn't leave father and all that remain of her family. In the meantime I inclose you a copy of her last will and testament, to peruse at

your leisure." "What interest does he think I take in Mrs. Clement's will?" thought Delia; "And you have never heard of him but she read, nevertheless :

Being of sound mind, this 16th day of June. 18-, I, Delia Rogerson Clement, do hereby leave \$100 to each of my consins; and I bequesth the residue of my property-viz.: \$30, 000 invested in the Ingot Mining Company, marry. I was a millstone about his neck. | \$50,000 in United States bonds, \$20,000 in the Fortune Flannel Mills, and my jewels—to the beloved niece of my first husband, John Rogerson, Delia Rogerson, of Croftsborough, Me. "For I was a stranger and ye took me in ;

hungry, and ye fed me; sick, and ye minis tered unto me." "Goodness alive!" cried the neighbors, when the facts reached their ears. "What a profitable thing it is to take boarders! Everybody in town will be trying it. Of course Steve Langdon will come and marry her if she were forty old maids. You may stick a pin in

Delia did not open her house to boarders the next sesson. She found enough to do in looking after her money and spending it; in replying to letters from indigent people, who seemed to increase alarmingly; in receiving old friends, who suddenly found time to remember her the ravages of the body by developing existence. And, sure enough, among the spirit. You didn't tell me your lovthe rest appeared Steve Langdon, and all the village said, "I told you so."

"It's not my fault that you and I are single yet, Delia," he said. "And we are too old to think of i now, Steve."

"Nonsense! It's never too late to mend. I'm not rich, Delia, but I've enough for two and to spare." "I wouldn't be contented not to drive in my carriage and have servants under

me now," laughed Delia. "Indeed! Then perhaps you have a better match in view. Capt. Seymour asked me, by the way, if I had come to interfere with Squire Jones' interest." "Yes. Squire Jones proposed to me

last week." "Now, see here, Delia. Have I come all the way from Melbourne on a fool's errand? There I was growing used to my misery and loneliness, when the mail brings in a letter in a strange hand, which tells me that my dear love, Delia Rogerson, loves and dreams of me me! And the letter is signed by her aunt, Mrs. Clement, who ought to know. I packed my household goods and

"I'm glad that you did."

"In order that I may congratulate Squire Jones?" "But I haven't accepted him. fact, I've refused him-because-" "Because you will marry your old

love, like the lass in the song, Delia?" In Croftsborough people are not yet tired of telling how a woman made money by taking boarders. THE chief duty of most newspaper

men is to burrow around for news, not to form smooth sentences or enunciabeautiful thoughts. Many persons car be brilliant two or three times a year who utterly fail in the treadmill experience of journalistic work. Literary contributors to newspapers or periodicals seldom become millionaires, Of course, one who is already famous can get his own price for an article, but \$5 a page Inter Ocean. is a good average compensation for an article accepted by one of our magazines. Suppose it to cover ten pages, the writer receives \$50. If he could write and secure a publisher for twelve such articles in a year, which is supposing what rarely occurs, his net income would be \$600. Thus, while it may pay the young beginner in law or medicine to employ his own abundant leisure and increase bis limited income by writing for these monthlies, a complete reliance on them for support, even under favorable circumstances, is foolish. As for the daily abashed manner.

The little fellow gazed at her intently papers, they have little room, under the for a full minute, and then, shaking his constantly-increasing amount of telegraphic and local news, for the miscel-

to the amateur.—Cincinnati Gazette, Errors do sometimes creep into pubhic journals even of the best class, and occasionally they are so serious as to demand correction, but too much seems to have been required of the Galveston (Texas) News when it consented to the publication of a correction of a corrected

aneous topics, in which, alone, the out-

sider can hope to compete with the

regular staff. Thus they offer very little

Shade Trees Along the Highways. It may not be in our day, but the time is coming when many of our public highways in this State will be lined with shade trees. We can hardly imagin how a small amount of money could be expended which would add so much t the appearance of the country, and af such a luxury to those who are called to travel, as the setting out of trees on each side of the roads, making a protection from the rays of the hot su summer and relief from the chill winds of winter. Shade trees add nonly beauty to the country, but the which borders on the public highway. Every farm would be worth much more with them. Individual effort would soon accomplish this desirable object. Organization of tree clubs in every town would also be an excellent plan, because then the trees could be set out in a systematical manner. No one who has occasion to pass over a road on a hot sum mer day, lined with shade trees, bu mer day, what feels grateful to those whose fore thought has added not only so much to his comfort but to that of his hor same -Afinneapolie Tribune

## FACTS FOR THE CURIOUS.

ELEPHANTS have been known to live 400 years, and it is supposed whales may live 1,000 years.

This elephant has been known to die for grief when, in a sudden fit of madness, he has killed his keeper.

A snark's head may be cut off, and in certain time another head will be ormed. At least, so says Spallanzam. formed. At least, so says Spallanzani.

Prof. Enthank, of Tucson, is slieged to have in his possession a brick taken from the great wall of China. The treasure is 4x12x16 inches, is composed of gray clay, and is as hard as granite. There are said to be several similar bricks yet remaining in the wall for any hardy antiquarian who can obtain them, but as there is a rigorous Chinese law against the demolition of the ancient barrier the only way to smuggle a brick out of the country is to bring it in one's hat.

It is a curious fact that most of the

of the country is to bring it in one's hat.

It is a curious fact that most of the eminent men who flourished in the Revolution had an especial penchant for widows. Washington married a widow; Aaron Burr's wife was the widow of Col. Provost of the British army. John Hancock had an especial taste for widows, Mr. Madison took a widow, and so did Stephen Hopkins. So did Ambrose Gwinett, so did Patrick Heury, and so did at least one-fourth of all the patriots and heroes of the days that tried men's souls as well as their pockets.

men's souls as well as their pockets. THE Hindoo thief's maun walls is very ingenious. It is by means of a huge lizard which he carries with him in his nocturnal rambles. The process is as follows: The lizard, which is, perhaps, a yard in length, with great claws and flattened feet and suction powers like those of a fly, is made fast to the dacoit by a tough cord tied to its tail. When the dacoit is pursued and comes in his hasty flight to a wall, he tail. When the dacoit is pursued and comes in his hasty flight to a wall, he quickly throws his lizard over it, holding fast to the other end of the cord. By means of its suction power the lizard fastens himself in the wall on the opposite side, and the thief draws himself to the top and jumps lightly down. By choking the lizard he is made to release his hold.

At the City of Medina, in Italy, and about four miles around it, wherever the earth is dug, when the workmen arrive at a distance of sixty-three feet they come to a bed of chalk, which they bore with an auger, five feet deep. They then withdraw from the pit before the then withdraw from the pit before the auger is removed, and upon its extraction the water bursts through the sperture with great violence, and quickly fills the newly-made well, which continues full and is affected neither by rains nor drought. But what is the most remarkable in the operation is the layer of earth as we descend. At the depth of fourteen feet are found the ruins of an ancient city payed streets, houses flours. ancient city, paved streets, houses, floors and different pieces of mason work. Under this is found a soft, oozy earth, made up of vegetables, and at twenty six feet large trees, with the walnut still sticking to the stem, and the leaves and branches in a perfect state of preservation. At twenty-eight feet deep a soft chalk is found, mixed with a vast quan-tity of shells, and the bed is two feet thick. Under this vegetables are found

# He Was for the Man.

A transcript of the evidence in a "woman case" which was appealed to the Supreme Court of Indiana from a county near by contains the following paragraphs. It seems the woman was giving her testimony, and the clerk thus records it:

Question-" Was the defendant pra ent at the time?"

Answer—"No." Here the witness b.
gan to sob and cry bitterly.

Question—"Did you see him abou

Answer—"No." Here the witness threw herself down on the floor, yelled, bellowed and walloped herself around until she had to be carried out of the room. When the Judges read this transcript it is said one of them remsrked:
"If that clerk wants to see a women
wallop herself around and raise the ceiling off the house he ought to catch . sight of my wife when she is in one or her tantrums, Gentlemen, I'm not it to pass on this case. I'm for the man, up and down, in spite of the devil."-

# Youthful Love Making.

A gentleman was swinging in a hammock with a 4-year-old boy, who is on a country vacation, when he noticed in another hammock just opposite a bright little girl of about the same age, named Nony Belle, "If I were you," said the gentleman

to the little fellow, "I would go over and kiss Nony Belle; she looks just as if she wanted a kiss." Nony Belle overheard the remark, and, placing her chubby finger in her mouth, twisted her head around in a rather-

head wisely, exclaimed, with an expression of disgust, "I don't know about it; she sucks her finger, and I got through with that when I was a baby." -- Water bury American. THE Paris Jockey Club pays its chief

cook a salary of \$5,000, and has done so for a dozen years. His great specialty is The drivers of street-cars say new houses will learn to start and stop at the sound of the bell or whistle in a single

ACROSS THE STREET.

BY THOMAS BAILSY ALDRICK. With link on check she comes and goes; I watch her when she little knows; I woulder f she droums of 12? String and working at my rhymes; I weare into my ver e at times. If or string her, or greams of it.

Upon bor window-ledge is set A bor of flowering mignon-the-Meraing and eve six tends to them.— The sense est flowers, that do not care About that lose encel strand of hill, As p. attry the bends to tham.

If I could once contrive to get Into that box of improperties. Some morning when she trads to them— She or mo if I we the right bond rise. From the threat to check!—down go the eyes, Decease y, as she brank to them.

Ax imitation for floor board-, etc., has been made in this country of compresses straw. It is said to resemble a hard, lose-grain d wood, can be planed, holds subject to dry rot, is water proof, will not warp and has greater tensile strength than wood. If all this be true we may shortly be making houses out of straw

It is no vanity for a man to pride him-self on what he has honestly got and prudently uses.